

PROCESS SPECIFICATION

PROCESS SPECIFICATION NUMBER: ERA-1001
412 Auxiliary Fuel Tanks
FABRICATION OF THE PRIMARY SHELL AND CLOSURE PANEL

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Scope:

This specification outlines the requirements

for fabricating the primary shell and closure panel for the 412 Auxiliary Fuel Tanks.

Conformation:

This specification does not conform to any

existing government specification.

Subcontractors:

MESH PLASTICS, LTD. of Lake Charles, Louisiana,

or its subcontractor shall be the only subcontractors qualified to construct the FRP requirements and shall comply with this process specification. Any deviations or variations are to be submitted to ERA for approval with proper documentation prior to

fabrication.

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Conflicts:

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MATERIALS

MATERIAL NAME MANUFACTURER Resin Derakane 8084 Dow Chemical Midland, MI Derakane 470-36 Dow Chemical Midland, MI Promoter Cobalt Napthenate AKZO Chemie New Brunswick, NJ Accelerator Dimethylaniline Buffalo Colors West Paterson, NJ MEKP Catalyst Hi Point 90 Witco Chemical Richmond, CA Lupersol DHD 9 Lucidol Chemical Buffalo, NY Mold Release PVA Rexco Carpenteria, CA Cerea Mold Release Wax Ceara Products, Inc. Denver, CO UV Inhibitor UV-9 Industrial Chemicals Atlanta, GA Pigment CoPlas pigment CoPlas Fort Smith, AR Spartan pigment Spartan Pigments Houston, TX

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MATERIAL NAME MANUFACTURER Putty filler Aerosil Dequssa Corp. (Amorphous Fumed Silica) Teterboro, NJ Cabosil Cabot Corp. Boston, Ma. Milled Fibers 731 ED Owens-Corning Anderson, S.C. 3/4 oz Type 'E' glass mat M113 - 3/4 oz. Certainteed Wichita Falls, TX 1-1/2 oz Type 'E' glass mat Compatamat - 1-1/2 oz. PPG Industries Shelby, NC M113 - 1-1/2 oz.Certainteed Wichita Falls. TX Kevlar Woven Roving K 49/051 Knytex Seguin, TX 285-F100 Hexcel Chicago, IL 8.9 oz. Type "ECDE" glass 7781 Burlington Fibers Altavista, VA 10 mil 'C' glass, or Modiqlass Reichold Chemical Bremen, OH Manville Glass Manville Corp. Denver, CO 10 mil 'A' glass veil Surglass Superior Glass

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MANUFACTURER

Paraffinated Styrene

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Industrial Chemicals

Atlanta, GA

Grinding Discs

36 Grit Type D 60 Grit Type C

3M Corp.

80 Grit Type C

St. Paul, MN

Mold surface

Black Tooling Gel

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Gel coat

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Laminate Manufacture

- 1) Inspect mold for defects (ie. chips, cracks, crazing, etc. ...). <u>DO Not</u> proceed until any defect is corrected.
- 2) Apply mold release agent(s) according to manufacturer's instructions.
- 3) Apply gel-coat containing UV inhibitor onto mold using a spray gun for a nominal thickness of 10 mils.
- 4) Allow gel-coat to cure for 4 - 6 hours and become tack free.
- 5) Apply one layer of 3/4 oz. chopped strand mat on mold surfaces. Saturate with Derakane 8084 resin containing UV inhibitor and pigment. Deaerate with serrated rollers.

NOTE: Steps # 6 through 20 apply only to the primary shell.

- 6) Assemble mold sections securely before resin gels.
- 7) Apply one layer of 3" wide 3/4 oz. chopped strand mat at the seams. Saturate with Derakane 8084 resin containing UV inhibitor and pigment. Deaerate with serrated rollers.
- Apply one layer of Kevlar woven roving over entire mold surface. 8) Saturate with Derakane 8084 resin containing UV inhibitor (NO pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers and plastic squeegees.
- 9) Apply second layer of 3/4 oz. chopped strand mat over entire mold surface. Saturate with Derakane 8084 resin containing UV inhibitor (NO pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers.
- 10) Apply second layer of Kevlar woven roving over entire mold surface. Saturate with Derakane 8084 resin containing UV inhibitor (NO pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers and plastic squeegees.
- 11) Apply third layer of 3/4 oz. chopped strand mat over entire mold surface. Saturate with Derakane 8084 resin containing UV inhibitor (NO pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers.
- 12) Apply third layer of Kevlar woven roving over entire mold surface. Saturate with Derakane 8084 resin containing UV inhibitor (NO pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers and plastic squeegees.

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Laminate Manufacture

- 13) Apply fourth layer of 3/4 oz. chopped strand mat over entire mold surface. Saturate with Derakane 8084 resin containing UV inhibitor (NO pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers.
- 14) Allow laminate to exotherm and cool down.
- 15) Measure the laminate at the control points located on the mold to assure a minimum thickness of 0.110" and a nominal thickness of 0.115".
- 16) Apply one layer of 1-1/2 oz. chopped strand mat over entire mold surface. Saturate with Derakane 470-36 resin containing UV inhibitor (NO pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers.
- 17) Apply one layer of 10 mil glass veil over entire mold surface. Saturate with Derakane 470-36 resin containing UV inhibitor (NO pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers. Deaerate with serrated rollers.
- NOTE: All internal non mold side surfaces will receive a "wax" coat of Derakane 470-36 resin after all baffles and other internals have been installed.
- 18) Allow laminate to exotherm and cure for a minimum of 12 hours.
- 19) Trim excess laminate which protrudes from the mold.
- 20) Separate the fabricated part from the mold.
- Note: Steps 21 through 47 apply only to the closure panel.
- 21) Apply one layer of 3/4 oz. mat on the entire surface. Saturate with Derakane 470-36 resin containing UV inhibitor and pigment. Deaerate with serrated rollers.
- 22) Apply one layer of ECDE glass over the entire surface. Saturate with 470-36 resin containing UV inhibitor (no pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers and plastic squeeqees.
- 23) Apply second layer of 3/4 oz. mat over entire surface. Saturate with 470-36 resin containing UV inhibitor (no pigment). Deaerate with

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- 24) Apply second layer of ECDE glass over entire surface. Saturate with 470-36 resin containing UV inhibitor (no pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers and plastic squeegees.
- 25) Apply third layer of 3/4 oz. mat over entire surface. Saturate with 470-36 resin containing UV inhibitor (no pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers.
- 26) Apply 10 mil glass veil over stiffener areas <u>only</u>. Saturate with 470-36 resin containing UV inhibitor (no pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers. Allow to exotherm and cool down.
- 27) Apply hot wax coat over glass veil in stiffener area only using 470-36 resin containing UV inhibitor and parrafinated styrene.
- 28) Place stiffeners on closure in exact location the are to be mounted. (excluding Part 41228-202-002-007 and Part 41228-202-002-011) Using a pencil or a scribe, mark around the outside of the stiffeners, then remove stiffeners. Using 36 grit type D discs, sand away any wax surfaces that protrude outside of the lines.
- 29) Place stiffeners back in positon on closure and using a mimimal amount of putty, tack stiffeners in place. Allow to cure until putty hardens.
- 30) Apply fourth layer of 3/4 oz. mat over entire surface. Saturate with 470-36 resin containing UV inhibitor (no pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers.
- 31) Apply third layer of ECDE glass over entire surface. Saturate with 470-36 resin containing UV inhibitor (no pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers and plastic squeeqees.
 - 32) Apply fifth layer of 3/4 oz. mat over entire surface. Saturate with 470-36 resin containing UV inhibitor (no pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers.
 - 33) Apply fourth layer of ECDE glass over entire surface. Saturate with 470-36 resin containing UV inhibitor (no pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers and plastic squeegees.
 - 34) Apply sixth layer of 3/4 oz. mat over entire surface. Saturate with 470-36 resin containing UV inhibitor (no pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers.

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- 35) Apply fifth layer of ECDE glass over entire surface. Saturate with 470-36 resin containing UV inhibitor (no pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers and plastic squeegees.
- 36) Apply seventh layer of 3/4 oz. mat over entire surface. Saturate with 470-36 resin containing UV inhibitor (no pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers.
- 37) Apply eighth layer of 3/4 oz. mat over entire surface. Saturate with 470-36 resin containing UV inhibitor (no pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers.
- 38) Apply one layer of 10 mil glass veil over entire surface. Saturate with Derakane 470-36 resin containing UV inhibitor (no pigment). Allow to exotherm and cool down.
- 39) Trim and dress up excess laminate which protrudes over the edges of the stiffeners.
- 40) Place the remaining stiffeners (Part 41228-202-002-007 and Part 41228-202-002-011) in proper position on closure and tack in place with a minimal amount of putty. Allow to cure until putty hardens.
- 41) Apply one layer of 1-1/2 oz. mat on stiffeners making sure mat covers the entire outside of stiffeners and approx. 1-1/2" onto surrounding areas. Saturate with 470-36 resin containing UV inhibitor (no pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers.
- 42) Repeat step 41 three additional times.
- 43) Apply one layer of 10 mil glass veil over wet surfaces, making sure all exposed mat surfaces are covered. Saturate with 470-36 resin containing UV inhibitor (no pigment). Deaerate with serrated rollers.
- 44) Allow laminate to exotherm and cure for a minimum of 12 hours.

NOTE: All internal non mold side surfaces will receive a wax coat of 470-36 resin after all access holes have been cut.

- 45) Trim excess laminate which protrudes from the mold.
- 46) Measure the laminate at the control points located on the mold to verify a minimum thickness of 0.20".

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<u>Laminate Manufacture</u>

46) Separate the fabricated part from the mold.

Edge Sealing: Cut edges which will remain exposed (ie, the trimmed

edges of the parts) should be sealed. Minimum

requirement is coating with paraffinated lay-up resin.

Final Fit-Up: The pieces to be joined should be assembled with proper

alignment and secured in position with jigs or "hot

patches".

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INSPECTION

It is the purpose of the inspection to verify that each part has been fabricated in accordance with and meets the requirements of this specification.

RESPONSIBILITIES: It is the responsibility of the fabricator to make available to ERA Helicopter or his authorized

representative any or all of the following:

Records: Records pertaining to the part(s) being purchased

shall be supplied when requested. These may include:

Materials specifications Equipment drawings or mold jig

Materials test results.

Dimensional verification reports.

Rework and repair reports.

MATERIALS:

Raw materials used for laminates shall be virgin materials and shall be free of contaminants as described on pgs. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21.

FABRICATED PARTS: The part to be inspected shall be properly located and positioned, and shall be in condition to permit safe and thorough inspection. Reasonable means shall be provided to permit the inspector to visually examine the entire inner and outer surfaces of the part.

Allowable defects are listed on pgs. 12 and 13.

The following inspection tools and equipment shall be made available for use by the inspector,

> Barcol hardness tester. Acetone squeeze bottle with acetone. Extension cord with ground fault switch. A vapor tight inspection light. Thickness gauge.

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INSPECTION

TEST OF FINISHED PARTS:

The following basic tests shall be included as a minimum in the Acceptance Inspection.

Barcol Hardness Test - A test of resin cure shall be made in accordance with ASTM D2583. Take 10 readings, discard highest and lowest, average the remaining readings. Minimum acceptable average reading is 30.

Surface Cure Test - An acetone test shall be used to detect surface inhibition on surfaces exposed to air during cure. The procedure that shall be used is the following: rub a few drops of acetone on the surface and check for tackiness after the acetone has evaporated. Persistent tackiness indicates incomplete cure.

Dimensions - The inspector shall be provided with copies of all approved drawings or mold jigs.

OTHER APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS:

ASTM Standards

- C 581-74-Test Method for Chemical Resistance of Thermosetting Resins Used in Glass Fiber Reinforced Structures.
- D 638-77a-Test method for Tensile Properties of Plastics.
- D 790-71-Test Methods for Flexural Properties of Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials.
- D 883-78a-Definitions of Terms Relating to Plastics.
- D 2583-75-Test Method for Identation Hardness of Rigid Plastics by Means of a Barcol Impressor.

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ALLOWABLE DEFECTS

Surface inspected Defect Cracks(through part) None Crazing Max dimension 1/2 in., max (fine surface cracks) density 5 per sq. ft. min 2 in apart Blisters(rounded elevations of the Max 1/4 in., dia \times 1/8 in. laminate surface over high, max 1 per sq ft, min bubbles) 2 in apart Wrinkles and solid Max deviation, 20% of wall blisters thickness but not exceeding 1/8 in. Pits(craters in the Max dimensions, 1/8 in dia laminate surface) imes 1/16 in deep, max density 10 per sq. ft. Surface porosity(pin-Max dimensions, 1/16 in dia. holes or pores in the \times 1/16 in deep, max density laminate) 10 per sq. ft. Chips Max dimension of break, 1/4 in, and thickness no greater than 20 percent of wall thickness, max density 1 per sq ft Dry spot(nonwetted Max dimension, 2 sq in. per reinforcing) sa ft Entrapped air (bubbles 1/8 in. max dia, 4 per sq or voids in the in. max density; 1/16 in. laminate) max dia. 10 per sq in. max density

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ALLOWABLE DEFECTS

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FIBERGLASS SURFACING MAT

1.0 Scope

 $1.1\,$ The scope of these procedures is to describe the visual, physical and mechanical parameters which characterize fiberglass surfacing mat used by the fabricator.

2.0 Definitions

- 2.1 Fiberglass Surfacing Mat A random arrangement of glass fibers bonded with a binder to form a thin porous mat which is supplied in roll form. Surfacing mat is usually used to reinforce the corrosion resistant resin rich liner on the inside of equipment and to provide a smooth surface on the exterior of equipment.
- 2.2 Binder Chemical treatment applied to the jackstraw arrangement of glass fibers to give the mat integrity. Specific binders are utilized to promote chemical compatibility with the various laminating resins used.
- 2.3 Slugs Unfiberized beads of glass.
- 3.0 Requirements
- 3.1 Visual Requirements Each roll of fiberglass surfacing mat shall be inspected to insure it is consistent in color, texture and appearance. Any holes, cuts or visual irregularities shall be removed from the mat prior to or during fabrication.
- 3.1.1 Slugs Mat which contains more than four slugs per 100 lineal feet is rejectable.
- 3.1.2 Wrinkles Crosswise wrinkles or waves that are visible at a 45 deg. angle and lengthwise wrinkles that can be readily flattened under pressure and that do not crease or change the dimensions of the mat are acceptable.
- 3.1.3 Wet Spots and Bar Marks The mat shall be free from these defects.
- 3.1.4 Delamination The mat shall not delaminate, i.e. shall not separate into layers in coming off the roll.

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FIBERGLASS SURFACING MAT

- 3.2 Physical Properties
- 3.2.1 Thickness The thickness of the mat in each roll shall be measured.
- 3.3 Packaging Requirement Packaging shall be visually inspected to assure proper labeling and that the package is free from damage that may render the mat unusable.
- 3.3.1 The mat shall be packaged in an unbroken carton as shipped from the mat manufacturer's factory. The mat used shall not be repackaged in the distribution of the mat after the manufacturer has shipped the mat.
- 3.4 Documentation It is the responsibility of the fabricator to maintain records showing the results of all material testing. This information shall show at a minimum, the following:
- (a) Form of material
- (b) Manufacturer
- (c) Manufacturer's product description including binder type (treatment)
- (d) Manufacturer's product code
- (e) Production date, if available, or production code on carton.
- (f) Property measured and value recorded
 - * Visual inspection
 - * Width
 - * Thickness
 - * Packaging
- (g) Job number (Internal Fabricator Control Number)
- (h) Fabricated part identification number

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FIBERGLASS CHOPPED STRAND MAT

1.0 Scope

1.1 The scope of these procedures is to describe the visual, physical and mechanical parameters which characterize fiberglass chopped strand mat used by the fabricator.

2.0 Definitions

2.1 Chopped Strand Mat - Chopped strand mat is made from randomly oriented glass strands which are held together in mat form using a binder. Each strand contains a sizing.

3.0 Requirements

3.1 Visual Requirements - Each roll of chopped strand mat shall be inspected to insure it is consistent in color, texture and appearance. It shall be free from surface irregularities, fluffy masses, dirt spots or other foreign material; water spots, knots, binder spots larger than 2" in diameter, clumps of strands and tears of holes which may result form removal of defects.

3.2 Physical Requirements

- 3.2.1 Weight The square foot weight of the mat shall be measured for each carton of mat used. All specimens shall fall within the range specified for the product.
- 3.3 Packaging Requirement Packaging shall be visually inspected to assure proper labeling and that the package is free from damage that may render the mat unusable.
- 3.3.1 The mat shall be packaged in an unbroken carton as shipped from the mat manufacturer's factory. The mat used shall not be repackaged in the distribution of the mat after the manufacturer has shipped the mat.

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FIBERGLASS CHOPPED STRAND MAT

- 3.4 Documentation It is the responsibility of the fabricator to maintain records showing the results of all material testing. This information shall show at a minimum, the following:
- (a) Form of material
- (b) Manufacturer
- (c) Manufacturer's product description including binder type (treatment)
- (d) Manufacturer's product code
- (e) Production date, if available, or production code on carton.
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1.0 Scope

- 1.1 The scope of these procedures is to describe the visual, physical and mechanical parameters which characterize woven roving used by the fabricator.
- 2.0 Definitions
- 2.1 Fiberglass Woven Roving Glass fiber rovings woven into a heavy weight fabric.
- 2.2 Wrap Ends The rovings which run in the longitudinal direction of the fabric, i.e., along the roll length of the fabric.
- 2.3 Fill Picks The rovings which run in the transverse direction of the fabric, i.e., across the roll length of the fabric.
- 2.4 Leno Strands A pair of warp ends at each edge of the woven fabric. One Leno warp end is always over each fill pick while the other Leno warp end is always under the fill pick. The Leno strands define the edges of the woven field and serve to stabilize the edges of the fabric.
- 3.0 Requirements
- 3.1 Visual Requirements
- 3.1.1 Dirt Spots Defined as all foreigh matter, dirt, grease spots, etc. The average number of dirt spots (1/16" to 3/4" in diameter) per 100 lineal feet shall be 6 or less. All rolls shall be free of dirt spots in excess of 3/4" diameter.
- 3.1.2 Warp Ends All rolls shall be free of missing warp ends for more than two consecutive feet.
- 3.1.3 Fill Picks All rolls shall be free of consecutive missing picks in excess of five, or more than eleven missing picks, either individual picks or any combination of individual and multiple (2, 3, 4, or 5) picks, in any consecutive 100 lineal feet.
- 3.1.4 Fuzz Clumps and Loops The product is designed to exhibit proper laydown and shall be free of fuzz clumps or loops exceeding one inch in height from the surface.

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FIBERGLASS WOVEN ROVING

- 3.2 Physical Properties
- 3.2.1 Thickness The thickness of the mat in each roll of woven roving shall be measured.
- 3.3 Packaging Requirement Packaging shall be visually inspected to assure proper labeling and that the package is free from damage that may render the woven roving unusable.
- 3.3.1 The woven roving shall be packaged in an unbroken carton as shipped from the manufacturer's factory. The woven roving used shall not be repackaged in the distribution of the woven roving after the manufacturer has shipped the woven roving.
- 3.4 Documentation It is the responsibility of the fabricator to maintain records showing the results of all material testing. This information shall show at a minimum, the following:
- (a) Form of material
- (b) Manufacturer
- (c) Manufacturer's product description including binder type (treatment)
- (d) Manufacturer's product code
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- (g) Job number (Internal Fabricator Control Number)
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KEVLAR WOVEN ROVING

1.0 Scope

- 1.1 The scope of these procedures is to describe the visual, physical and mechanical parameters which characterize kevlar woven roving used by the fabricator.
- 2.0 Definitions
- 2.1 Kevlar Woven Roving Kevlar fiber rovings woven into a heavy weight fabric.
- 2.2 Wrap Ends The rovings which run in the longitudinal direction of the fabric, i.e., along the roll length of the fabric.
- 2.3 Fill Picks The rovings which run in the transverse direction of the fabric, i.e., across the roll length of the fabric.
- 2.4 Leno Strands A pair of warp ends at each edge of the woven fabric. One Leno warp end is always over each fill pick while the other Leno warp end is always under the fill pick. The Leno strands define the edges of the woven field and serve to stabilize the edges of the fabric.
- 3.0 Requirements
- 3.1 Visual Requirements
- 3.1.1 Dirt Spots Defined as all foreign matter, dirt, grease spots, etc. - The average number of dirt spots (1/16" to 3/4" in diameter) per 100 lineal feet shall be 6 or less. All rolls shall be free of dirt spots in excess of 3/4" diameter.
- 3.1.2 Warp Ends All rolls shall be free of missing warp ends for more than two consecutive feet.
- Fill Picks All rolls shall be free of consecutive missing picks in excess of five, or more than eleven missing picks, either individual picks or any combination of individual and multiple (2, 3, 4, or 5) picks, in any consecutive 100 lineal feet.
- Fuzz Clumps and Loops The product is designed to exhibit proper laydown and shall be free of fuzz clumps or loops exceeding one inch in height from the surface.

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KEVLAR WOVEN ROVING

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- 3.2.1 Thickness The thickness of the mat in each roll of kevlar woven roving shall be measured.
- 3.3 Packaging Requirement Packaging shall be visually inspected to assure proper labeling and that the package is free from damage that may render the kevlar woven roving unusable.
- 3.3.1 The kevlar woven roving shall be packaged in an unbroken carton as shipped from the manufacturer's factory. The kevlar woven roving used shall not be repackaged in the distribution of the kevlar woven roving after the manufacturer has shipped the kevlar woven roving.
- 3.4 Documentation It is the responsibility of the fabricator to maintain records showing the results of all material testing. This information shall show at a minimum, the following:
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